

FORMER BAXTER FARMER JAILED

WALTER VON WEDELL GOT BORE BECAUSE GERMAN ANNUITY WAS HELD UP

LIVED ON FARM NEAR HERE

Voiced His Pro-Germanism At
Long Beach and Paid \$200
Fine and Doing 90 Days
In Jail

The news that Walter von Wedell is in jail at Long Beach, Calif., under sentence for disloyalty to the United States Government occasions no little interest in Baxter Springs and vicinity. The Wedell family lived between here and Lowell for many years and members of the family still live there and are highly esteemed in their immediate community and in Baxter Springs.

Some news of the incident was sent to Galena where Mr. von Wedell also had a large acquaintance and an Uncle of Richard Eddy living at Long Beach, Calif., sent him a clipping from the newspaper there relating the entire episode.

Sarah von Wedell, the former wife of Walter von Wedell, from whom she was divorced some years ago, owns a large farm across the river between here and Lowell. F. W. von Wedell, a son, owns a large farm just across the river from Baxter Springs. C. A. von Wedell, a son, owns a farm just this side and adjoining Lowell. M. von Wedell owns a farm a little north and east of Baxter Springs. All told, the von Wedells are a family of a good deal of consequence and own several hundreds of acres of land in this community. After the separation between husband and wife the property was divided up among the mother, children and father and the father went west, but the mother staid here with the children. Mr. von Wedell is said to have been a very strong personality and given to violent expression of his views on all matters by some of the old friends and acquaintances. Von Wedell left here about six years ago.

It is said Mr. von Wedell at one time held a high office in the German army and fought against France in 1871-72.

Without being able to verify the statement, it is reported Walter von Wedell has a brother among the heads of the German secret service. It is also said that von Wedell's seditious remarks were occasioned by the holding up by the United States government of money sent him from Germany explained in the Long Beach version of the affair. Following is the clipping sent to Dick Eddy, assessor here, by his uncle there:

"Two alleged pro-Germans in Long Beach are reported to have voiced disloyal sentiments.

"Officers of the American Protective League and the local police arrested the pair.

"One of them, Walter von Wedell, pleaded guilty, was fined \$200 and was sentenced to serve ninety days in the county jail.

"The other, Fred Kallush, pleaded not guilty and demanded a jury trial in police court, which is set for April 17, the accused man meantime being held under \$200 bail.

"Wedell was once an officer in the German army and he receives regularly, or has been receiving, an income from Germany. A recent remittance of five thousand marks, sent him from Germany, was intercepted at Washington and is tied up there.

"Both Wedell and Kallush are naturalized citizens of the United States.

"Another suspect, Edward Bouyea, is held in jail. A policeman spotted him down on the beach and arrested him. When he was taken by the policeman he cursed this government and the president of the United States and he repeated the seditious utterances in the police station."

APRIL, 1918?

April has always been a momentous month in the history of the American people. What will April 1918 bring? Here are some of the important events of past April days in American history:

April 19, 1775—Battle of Lexington
April 4, 1776—Washington forms first American army, 80,000 men.

April 25, 1777—Lafayette arrives to aid in war of Independence.

April 25, 1781—First American man of war built at Portsmouth, N. H. by Paul Jones.

April 19, 1783—Revolutionary war closes.

April 21, 1836—Sam Houston defeats Mexicans under Santa Anna at San Jacinto assuring Texas independence.

April 26, 1845—Declare war on Mexico.

FEDERAL BANKS SENDS US CONGRATULATIONS

Baxter Springs Oversubscribed Third Liberty Loan Quota More Than \$50,000 In One Day Drive.

Baxter Springs went on record Friday as one of the most wide-awake and patriotic towns under the jurisdiction of the Stars and Stripes. Just glance at these figures and feel proud:

Our quota on the Third Liberty Loan was \$122,000.00. A campaign was carefully carried out Thursday, April 11—Here are the results:

At 10 o'clock in the morning, \$67,000.00 worth of bonds had been sold; at 4 o'clock \$120,000.00 worth of bonds had been sold, and at 6 o'clock sales aggregating \$157,450.00 were reported with quite a number of sales not turned in. When everything was totaled this morning it was found the bond sales amounted to \$162,100.00 and to this is added \$16,000.00 more in bonds differing from Third Loan bonds sold during the drive which makes the total \$178,100.00, or an oversubscription of \$56,100.00.

This ready meeting of our national obligations may be ascribed to three things in particular: First, a strong patriotic sentiment here; second, efficient preparatory organization for the campaign, and third, the ability to buy.

Sends Congratulations

C. M. Sarchet is in receipt of the following telegram from the Federal Reserve Bank at Kansas City:

"Congratulations on splendid results in Baxter Springs. Don't stop. Put a bond in every home."

The telegram speaks for itself, but the Federal Reserve Bank is not the only outside institution that will notice the results of Baxter Springs' Third Liberty Loan campaign.

Three hundred and twenty-five individuals bought bonds during the drive.

The solicitors and all those helping in the work yesterday deserve the full measure of credit.

Baxter's quota was 10 per cent of the total resources of the banks here on December 1st, 1917.

The following is the organization of women, who participated as captains and lieutenants in the campaign, made Thursday to put this city over the top in the Third Liberty Loan drive:

Mrs. A. R. Kane, City Chairman.
Mrs. O. M. Spratt, captain; Mesdames L. G. Meyerding, E. K. Brown, Fred Nichols, Earl Stevenson, Lelia Buckingham and Grubaugh.

Miss Verna Canaday, captain; Mesdames Muir and Fred Hill.

Mrs. E. M. Mitchell, captain; Mesdames Paul Mason, S. P. Warren, E. G. Polster, E. L. Clark, John Griffard, Clifford Johnson and Greist.

Mrs. J. E. Simmons, captain; Mesdames George Sikes, B. N. Shields, Samuel Ellis.

Mrs. Chas. Opperman, captain; Mesdames A. R. Weaver, W. B. Campbell, J. W. Barnes and J. W. Cook.

Mrs. W. M. Smith, captain; Mrs. R. M. Gilman and Miss Zella Wright.

Miss Mabel Rummell, captain; Miss Margaret Opperman, Mesdames L. L. Willard and Maude Jones.

Miss Gretchen Bilharz, captain; Mesdames James Smith, Charles Herron, W. E. Merrill and Courtland Scoville.

Mrs. E. M. Richardson, captain; Mesdames Earl Stevenson, L. L. Cardin, Charles Jones, Charles Marshall and J. W. Kaltenbach.

Mrs. T. L. Myers, captain; Mesdames J. R. Green and O. E. Marshall.

Prof. Percy Lee and wife, as captains for the colored people of Baxter Springs and vicinity, did excellent work in helping to raise the quota.

Prof. Lee named Leo Williams and Alex Clay to assist him, while Mrs. Lee named several of the teachers as her assistants. They turned in a substantial sum. Both Clay and Willis quit farm work for the day in order to assist, while Prof. Lee, his wife and her assistants left the school rooms to put the city over the top.

OUTRAN OFFICER'S BULLETS

Picher Lawbreakers Outran Officer's Bullets and Make Good Escape

From the following article under a Picher date line it would seem that law breakers have more than one way of dodging punishment in Picher. Now that the lid is on the culprits outrun justice.

Picher, Okla., April 10—A prisoner known as Earl Morris made his escape from local officers at 10 o'clock last night while prisoners were being loaded in the motor car patrol to be taken to Miami.

Morris had been arrested on a vagrancy charge earlier in the evening. When he was led out to the patrol, which was standing in front of the office of John R. Price, justice of the peace, he ran south to the corner of Second and Main streets, closely pursued by Deputy Sheriff P. G. Barnes, who called on him to halt. Barnes fired two shots in the direction of the fleeing man to frighten him.

Morris then turned and ran west on Second street and Barnes aimed a third shot in his direction, which, in the opinion of the officer and several bystanders, took effect in the calf of the fugitive's leg. Morris, however, dodged out of sight and escaped.

A prisoner named Shultz escaped from the office of Justice John R. Price at 1 o'clock this afternoon when he ran through the back door of the office and headed north through the alley between Main and Picher Sts. He was charged with petty larceny, connected with the theft of a suit of clothing and some silk shirts from the home of L. A. Brooks at Fifth and Francis streets one night last week.

It is alleged that he had attempted to dispose of the suit to Lee Davis. The stolen property was recovered and restored to Brooks.

Judge Price fired four shots from an automatic revolver at the fleeing prisoner without effect.

The Spelter Mining company have a shaft sunk almost to the ore on its lease on the SW 1/4 of the SW 1/4 of Section 30, northeast of Quapaw on the Abrams land. Some of the best strikes in the field have been made near here at very shallow depth. One of the holes showed 62 per cent at 70 feet.

RED ROSE BUILDS MILL

Going to Build a 200-ton Mill On Old Horseshoe Lease Northwest of Quapaw

The Red Rose Mining company has begun the construction of a mill on the company lease just northwest of Quapaw. This lease is half of what was known as the horseshoe lease. Quite a bit of preparatory work including the drilling out of the ground had been done when the Red Rose people bought the lease. The shaft is almost completed and the erection of the mill is under way.

The officers of the Red Rose company are all Holdenville, Okla., men: Dr. W. D. Atkins, pres.; T. S. Adams, vice-president and J. D. Rives, secretary and treasurer.

This property is considered a good one and the company expects to realize some handsome dividends from their investment.

WE'LL HELP TO WHIP THE KAISER IF WE ALL EAT CORN
(U. S. Corn Song)

(By J. S. Ramey, Salida, Colo.)

We'll not be slackers even tho
We're not allowed to fight;
Account of age or flaws you know,
We're not considered right.
Says Our Uncle Sam, adviser,
"Just as sure as you are born,
We'll help to whip the Kaiser,
IF WE ALL EAT CORN.

Hoe cake and Johnny cake,
There is no finer bread;
Pone cake, (the kind you bake),
Who'd need a better spread?
Mush, an appetizer,
Fry for breakfast in the morn;
We'll help to whip the Kaiser,
IF WE ALL EAT CORN.

'John Barleycorn' (gay beverages)
He says to "let alone"
All other mealey relishes
Have in his favor grown;
It will make us all the wiser,
And our bones with flesh adorn;
We'll help to whip the Kaiser,
IF WE ALL EAT CORN.

Now over there they need the wheat;
What matters that to us?
We'll do our bit to save defeat,
And stop this awful fuss;
Every hoarding flour miser,
Most decidedly we'll scorn;
We'll help to whip the Kaiser,
IF WE ALL EAT CORN.

We'll practice Hooverism,
Until victory is won,
'Tho we'd swap our rheumatism,
for the trenches and a gun;
Still, a wheatless advertiser,
Needn't be at all forlorn;
We'll help to whip the Kaiser,
IF WE ALL EAT CORN.

TRUE BLUE ERECTS PLANT

Building 250-ton Concentration Plant Just Northwest of Quapaw

The True Blue Mining Company is adding another big concentration plant to the district about Quapaw. The company's lease of 20 acres is in the northwest edge of Quapaw. This lease is the north 20 acres of the old Horseshoe lease of which the Red Rose has the south 20 acres. Some of the holes drilled on the original lease showed an assay of as high as 27.55 per cent. A sample of the ore taken from the dump took second place at the Quapaw fair of 1917 in competition to the whole field.

The officers of this company are: John E. Turner, Holdenville, president and general manager; C. L. Herrington, Wetumka, treasurer; C. L. Brown, Wetumka, secretary, and Geo. Appling, Wetumka, vice president.

KILLED A FINE HORSE

Ed Sharp's Fine Team Ran Away and One Horse Had to Be Killed

Ed Sharp, a farmer living on the E. B. Schimmerhorn farm between three and four miles north of Baxter Springs, had some bad luck Thursday afternoon when a fine team ran away and so badly mangled one of the horses it had to be shot and damaged the other considerably. A hired boy was discing some corn ground when one of the horses caught a foot on a piece of wire that he had used on check row. The team got away from the boy and one of the horses cut a leg off on the disc and the other was permanently injured. Mr. Sharp valued his team, which was nicely mated and large at \$400 and had just been offered \$350 for it.

The Duluth-Miami Mining company has begun the sinking of a shaft on its lease in the city of Quapaw, which will be followed by the erection of a concentration plant in the near future. The Duluth lease is in extra fine company with many splendid mines all around them.

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